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1. The farmers in the Chongjin (Seishin) (129-29, 41-46) area do not approve of the present Communist government in North Korea but are making no open protest against it. They are bitter against the government's taxation policy and the requirement that they sell much of their farm produce to the government at low, fixed prices.

2. However, in general, the younger people throughout North Korea, especially those between the ages of 15 and 21, are beginning to believe in the Communist government in North Korea and to support its policies.

3. Since about 23 July, there has been rioting throughout North Korea in protest against the Soviet stand on trusteeship at the United States - USSR Joint Commission on Korea. As a result of these riots, 400 Koreans have been killed, 1,000 wounded and 10,000 arrested.

4. For any meeting of more than five persons in North Korea permission must be obtained from the (Korean? Soviet?) authorities. The cities and rural areas of North Korea are divided into districts, with each district being assigned a leader by the authorities to keep a close check on the activities of all the residents of the district.

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